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In re the application of:

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Application No.: 09/611,219

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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OF PATTERNED THIN FILMS**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated July 8, 2002, be extended two months from October 8, 2002 to December 9, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

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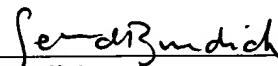
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